

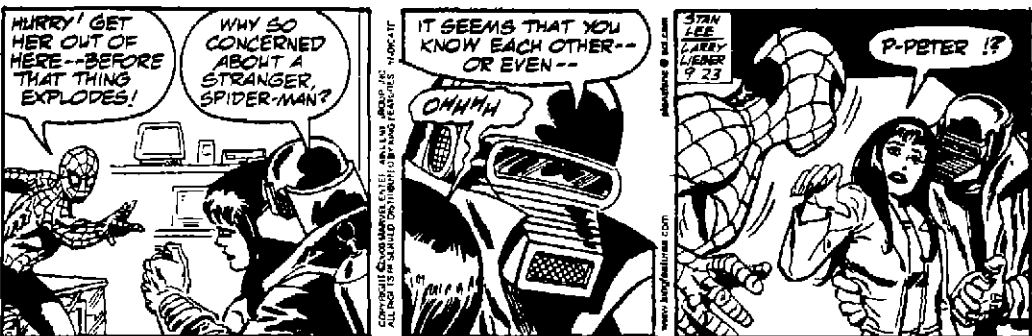
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# SALLY FORTH



# THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



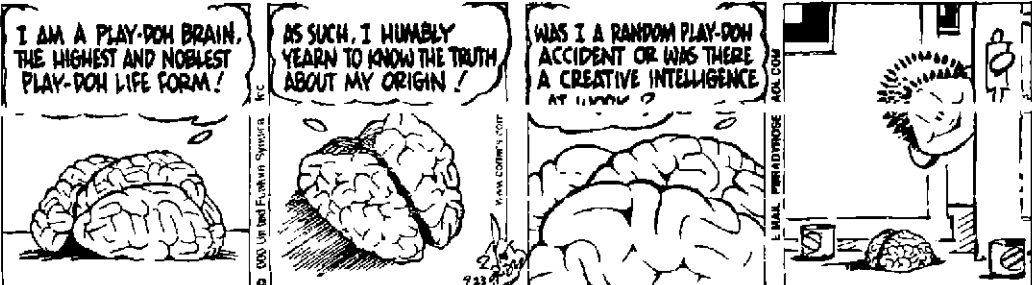
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# JUMP START



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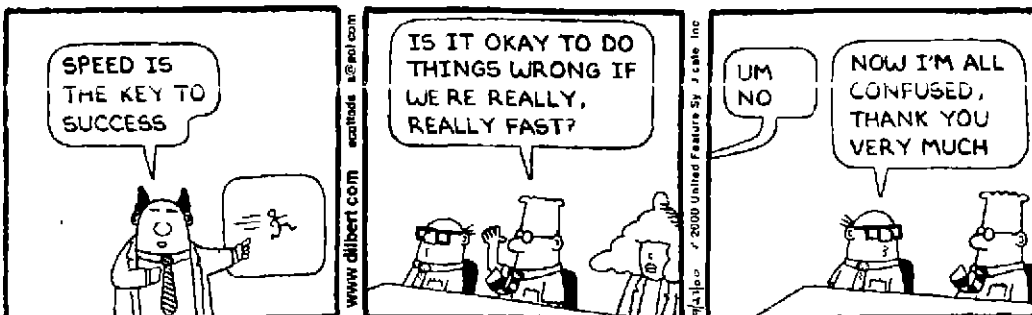
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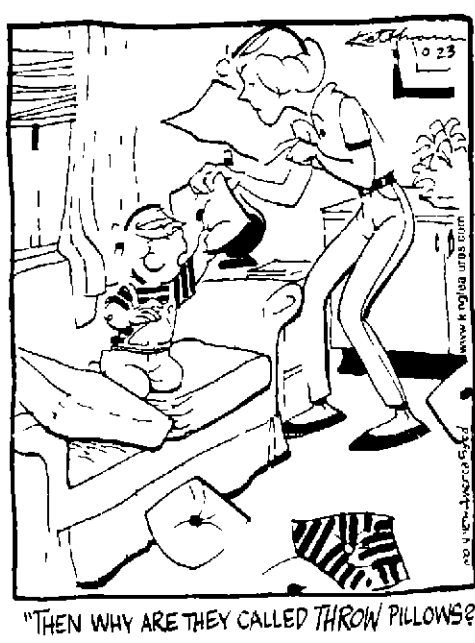
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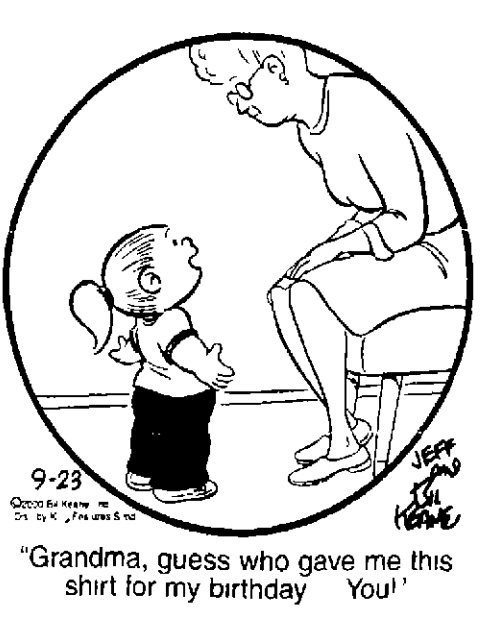
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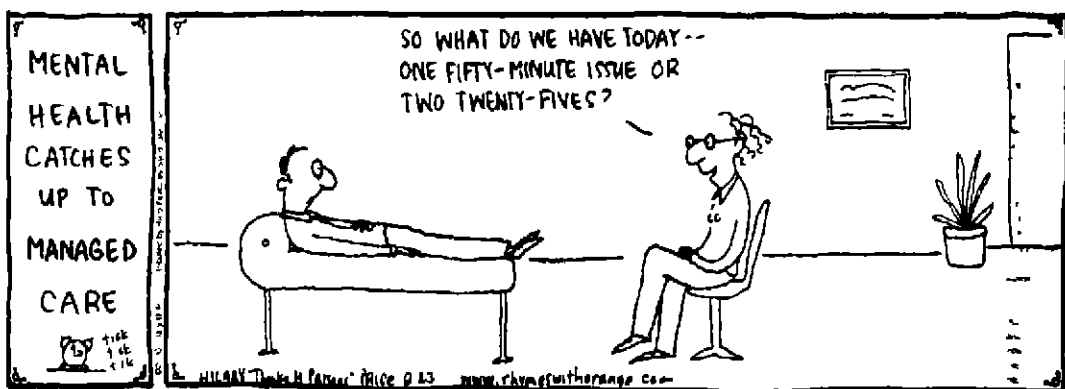
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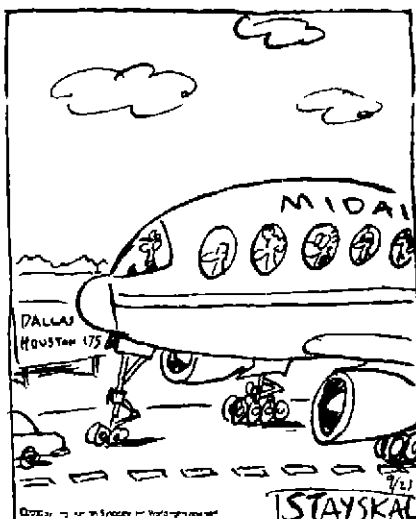
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# RHYMES WITH ORANGE



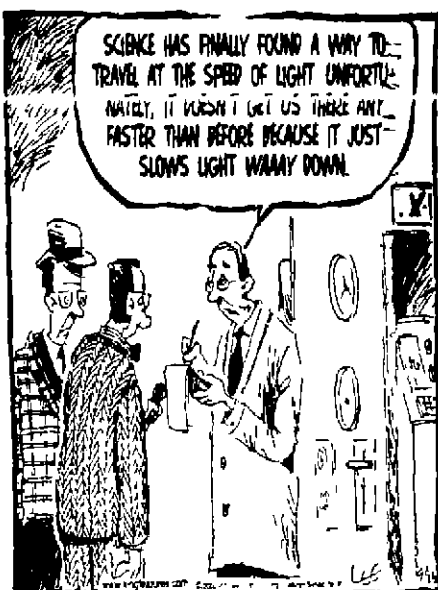
# RALPH



# Today's Birthdays

Actor Mickey Rooney is 80  
Singer Ray Charles is 70  
Singer Julio Iglesias is 57  
Actor Paul Petersen ("The Donna Reed Show") is 55  
Actress-singer Mary Kay Place is 53  
Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 51  
Actor Jason Alexander is 41  
Singer Lita Ford is 41  
Actress Elizabeth Pena is 39  
Country musician Don Herron (BR-549) is 38  
Singer Ani DiFranco is 30

# I NEED HELP



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FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

# WORD SLEUTH

# NAMES OF PLANES

P J H E C Z X U S Q N L J G E  
C Z X V T Y R P N L J H E E C  
A Y W V E T X R P N L R D E K  
I M G S Y E E A C B T E R G S  
V C O N S T E L L A T I O N S  
Z O N T A X W K C A F R C A E  
G E Y C N U F R O T G R N T R  
J S M A R A A L I R P A O S T  
O O M L G E H P Y J E H C U R  
T I G E B E S P D E B H A M O  
Y X W U T S R I A S R O C Q F

Friday's unlisted clue: DUTY-FREE  
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: B-17 FLYING ---

|               |         |         |          |
|---------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Bearcat       | Corsair | Harrier | Spitfire |
| Cherokee      | Flyer   | Jenny   | Tomcat   |
| Concorde      | Galaxy  | Mustang | Voyager  |
| Constellation | Goose   | Phantom |          |

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For solution, see Classified.

# HOROSCOPE

## For Sunday, Sept. 24, 2000

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Take advantage of this time to make tangible progress toward goals.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Family members and co-workers might seem out to get you.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You are allowed to be amusing, but do not let storytelling and playacting get out of hand.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might wish to make an investment or a large purchase.  
**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) You have outdone yourself and everyone else.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Find a cozy hiding place and stay in it.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your ability to make people happy extends to acquaintances, friends of friends, and even strangers.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Rediscover the source of your energy and personal power.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Take chances and make bets. The extremes that you go to right now will bring you closer to the pinnacle of success.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You might be inclined to ignore other people.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Take on world issues rather than personal ones.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) The confusion that you feel might be caused by a clutter of minor details.

# ACES

## By Bobby Wolff

Today's West faces a crucial test and not South's no-trump game. Look only at the West and North hands and follow the play. What would you do after you win your diamond ace at trick four? Dummy's spade queen wins, and South loses a heart finesse to West's king. West tests with a low diamond, but dummy's queen holds the trick with East playing the deuce. When South leads the diamond king to West's ace, what should West do? West knows that South can win four spades (no king from East at trick one) and he can assume South has the heart ace, giving South three more winners. South's confident play in diamonds also reveals that South also has the diamond jack. Crediting South with four spades, three hearts and two diamonds, West knows it's time to take action. Clearly he must shift to clubs. The club deuce will not get the job done. East will insert his jack when dummy ducks, leaving the defense only one more club trick. The lead of the club queen wins automatically when South ducks with today's holding, or when East holds the A-J-10 of clubs. It also rates to win in today's layout when dummy covers and East returns the five. South is a big favorite to insert his eight, giving the defense three club tricks and a well-earned one-trick set.

| NORTH     |            | EAST       |           |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| ♠ A Q J 5 | ♥ K J 10 9 | ♠ 4 3 2    | ♥ 7 6 3 2 |
| ♦ K Q     | ♣ K 7 3    | ♦ A 10 8 4 | ♣ 7 5 2   |
|           |            | ♠ Q 9 2    | ♣ A J 5   |

| SOUTH     |            | WEST       |         |
|-----------|------------|------------|---------|
| ♠ K 6     | ♥ A 8 4    | ♠ 10 9 8 7 | ♥ K 5   |
| ♦ J 9 6 3 | ♣ 10 8 6 4 | ♦ A 10 8 4 | ♣ Q 9 2 |

Vulnerable North South Dealer North The bidding  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
3 NT All pass  
Opening lead Spade 10

# N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0812

## ACROSS

- 1 Ancient shrines
- 10 Keep one's distance from
- 15 Sappho, for one
- 16 Condo luxury
- 17 Be distinct, in a way
- 18 Lockheed P-38 feature
- 19 At one time, at one time
- 20 Sign, as an agreement
- 22 George Herman cartoon critter
- 23 Launch site
- 24 Poison Prefix
- 26 Tough looks
- 30 Shade of blue
- 32 All \_\_\_\_

## DOWN

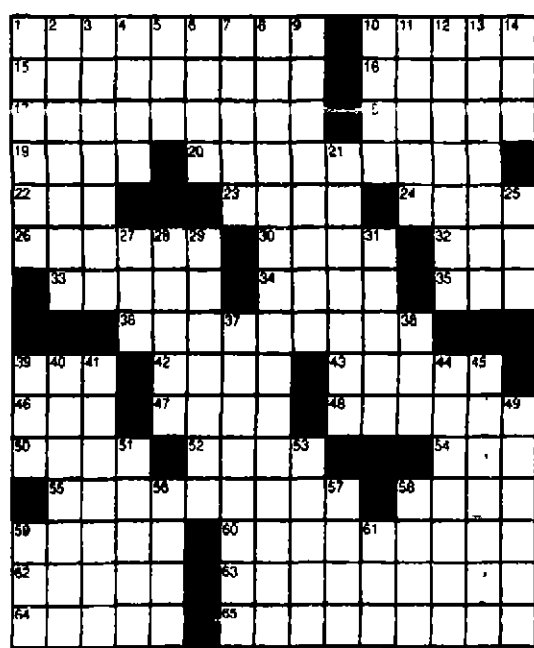
- 33 Shepherdess in Virgil's "Eclogues"
- 34 Neuter
- 35 Iran Contra grip
- 36 Cry at a casino
- 39 Ball club
- 42 Neighbor of Pol
- 43 More upscale
- 46 Letter run
- 47 Ed's request
- 48 Mounts
- 50 \_\_\_\_ Plus razor
- 52 Besmirches
- 54 Fort Worth sch
- 55 On its way (or so they say)
- 58 Close, as friends
- 59 Charm
- 60 Part of a Car and Driver rating
- 62 Discourage

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BACKSLAPS ERROR  
IRONHORSE LOIRE  
SCREAMSAT FABLE  
THIEVE TALISMAN  
RAN EIN INTENT  
OINK NEATO ADE  
SCENE ULANBATOR  
INTRANSIT  
WHITEROCK LILAC  
HEN INKED TARO  
ENCASE DEB YOM  
ERICIDE POPSUP  
LYSIS APPALOOSA  
EVENS SPORTSFAN  
RIDGY TSETSEFLY

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

11 Brag  
12 Play narrated by a stage manager  
13 Workload sites  
14 1957 Physics Nobel  
15 Tsung-Lee  
21 Egg  
25 Market letters  
27 Pipe connection  
28 Cambodian currency  
29 Fill



49 Least covered  
51 Lost  
53 Place for a hit, usually  
56 Controls  
57 City in southern Sweden  
58 Title hero in Glenn Close's first major film  
59 Constellation near Norma  
61 Light line

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